GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2826
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AIR SERVICES AT BILASPUR
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the air service is likely to be introduced for Bilaspur of the Chhatisgarh;

(b) the reasons for delay in introducing the air service there;

(c) whether there is any scheme to introduce air service in other major cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): At present, Bilaspur is not airlinked by any scheduled operator. Airlines are free to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject of course to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines, which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes.

With a view to encourage small aircraft (turbo-prop) operations to connect smaller and non-metro cities, it has been decided to provide Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to such aircraft at international prices and notify ATF as a `declared good` under the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 capping levy of sales tax at 4%. Modalities for implementing these decisions are under examination.